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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT AND PRELIMINARY  
CLEAN-UP LEVEL EVALUATION NSY PORTSMOUTH VA

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Dear Gentlemen;

Enclosed please find the report for the Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc. Portsmouth, Virginia site entitled "Existing Conditions Report and Preliminary Clean-up Level Evaluation". This final report incorporates the comments previously received from Atlantic Wood Industries and the US Navy, both within the text and in "Appendix A: Response to Comments". As we have discussed the purpose of the report is to summarize the issues related to Ecological Risk Assessment at the site and preliminarily consider alternative clean-up levels based on our current knowledge. The content and format for the report is intended to assist in formulating a work plan for a full Ecological Risk Assessment if one is needed. It is not intended to be a comprehensive-standalone document on site conditions or proposed alternative clean-up levels. Thus it should be modified and expanded, at least to further discuss background and limited scope of the document, before it is sent to other parties for review or information.

We understand that there are continuing activities and discussions on many aspects of the site, and the status/approach is uncertain. Consequently, as we have discussed, we are not currently proceeding with the other two deliverables under our Development of Revised/ Alternative Soil Clean up Levels project (i.e. Site Management Strategy and Risk Assessment Work Plan). Please let us know when we should proceed on these other tasks.

Sincerely,

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